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MAURICE WILLIAMS

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1. I BELIEVE A GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL WORK HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN MR. WILLIAMS' BRIEF VISIT TO SURVEY THE FLOOD RELIEF OPERATION AND SEE IN WHAT WAYS THE US CAN BE OF ADDITIONAL HELP IN THE DISASTER WHICH HAS HIT PAKISTAN. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN SAW HIS VISIT AS EVIDENCE OF THE SYMPATHY AND CONCERN OF PRESIDENT NIXON, AND THROUGH HIM, OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT THEIR TIME OF TROUBLE. WILLIAMS' TRAVELS AND MEETINGS IN PAKISTAN (ON WHICH IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO ACCOMPANY HIM) HAVE RECEIVED EXCEPTIONAL COVERAGE IN PRESS, RADIO AND TV. PAKISTAN OFFICIALS FROM PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ON

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DOWN HAVE REACTED MOST POSITIVELY.

2. BEYOND THE OFFICIAL AND POPULAR REACTION, I BELIEVE THE COMMENTS AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY WILLIAMS IN HIS SERIES OF MESSAGES (REFTELS) ARE TO THE POINT. I BELIEVE THE PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS HE HAS RECOMMENDED WOULD CONSTITUTE A VERY APPROPRIATE US RESPONSE TO PAKISTAN'S EMERGENCY AND POST-EMERGENCY NEEDS, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE THEM. (MEANWHILE, WE WILL BE SUPPLYING ON A CONTINUING BASIS FURTHER ANALYSIS WHICH MAY LEAD US TO ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS IN THIS AID PACKAGE).

3. FINALLY I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SENDING MAURICE WILLIAMS TO PAKISTAN. WILLIAMS HAS HELPED THIS MISSION BETTER TO FOCUS OUR OWN CRISIS PROGRAM WITH AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS THE LIMITATIONS OF US SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN. MORE BROADLY, THE OVERALL EFFECT OF HIS VISIT HAS BEEN TO HELP CONSOLIDATE THE TIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND OF PAKISTAN. UNFORTUNATE AS THE NEED FOR THE VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN, IT HAS STRENGTHENED THE SYMPATHETIC BACKGROUND FOR PRIME MINISTER'S FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US.
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